GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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Police Reforms
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Police Act, 1861 is in force in the NCT of Delhi and is still relevant in the current changing scenario and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has any proposal to review the said Act;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the time by which such review is likely to be completed along with the nature of changes likely to be made in the Act;

(d) whether the Government has constituted Committees on police reforms in the country;

(e) if so, the details thereof and the recommendations made by each Committee along with their status of implementation, State-wise; and

(f) the steps taken by the Government to implement all the recommendations made by said Committees?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
(SHRI HARIBHAI PARATHIBHAI CHAUDHARY)

(a) to (c) : As the provisions of the Police Act 1861 and related laws were found to be inadequate to face the challenges of policing in Delhi, Parliament enacted a comprehensive legislation viz. the Delhi Police Act, 1978.
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(d) : Government had constituted several committees/Commission on police reforms and working of police in the country. Notable amongst these are the National Police Commission (1977-81), J.F.Riberio Committee (1998), the Padmanabhaiah Committee on Police Reforms (2000), the Malimath Committee on Reforms in the Criminal Justice System (2002-03), Review Committee (2004) and an Expert Committee to draft a New Model Police Act (2005).

(e) & (f): The details are at Annexure. Further, Police being a State Subject in the seventh schedule to the Constitution of India, it is primarily the State Governments which have to implement the various Police reforms measures. The Centre has been consistently persuading the States from time to time to bring requisite reforms in the Police administration to meet the expectations of the people.

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